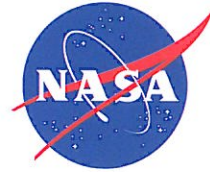


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Reply to Attn of: General Law Practice Group

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FROM: Alternate Designated Agency Ethics Official

SUBJECT: Determination Regarding Attendance by NASA Employees at the Cybersecurity Scholarship Dinner Hosted by University of Maryland University College (UMUC), on April 6, 2013

On April 6, 2013, the University of Maryland University College (UMUC), will host a cybersecurity scholarship dinner, at The Gaylord National Resort and Convention Center at 201 Waterfront Street, National Harbor, Maryland. The University of Maryland Foundation will pay for this event. The purpose of the event is to award students in UMUC's Cybersecurity program.

Approximately, 1850 invitations were mailed, and approximately 400 people are expected to attend. UMUC controls the seating for this event and the invitations issued to people to be their guests. Attending the dinner will be representatives from the U.S. legislative branch, state and local governments, DoD, DHS and other Federal agencies, industry, academia, and the media, in addition to current students. The estimated cost of the refreshments for each event, which includes all food and beverages, is \$250.00 per person. I find that these events meet the requirements of a "widely attended gathering" as defined in 5 C.F.R. § 2635.204(g).

I further determine that there is an Agency interest in having NASA personnel attend this event because attendance will further Agency programs and operations. Accordingly, NASA employees – including NASA employees in non-career positions required to sign the ethics pledge under Executive Order 13490 – whose duties do not substantially affect UMUC may accept an invitation for free attendance at the event for themselves and their invited spouses or guests.

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However, NASA employees whose duties do substantially affect UMUC such as by way of procurement duties, or who receive an invitation to attend from an organization other than UMUC should seek an individual determination from their local NASA ethics office pursuant to 5 C.F.R. §2635.205(g)(3)(i) regarding participation in either of these events.

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Adam F. Greenstone